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Letter dated 23 July 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Today at noon local time, the joint forces of the so-called Croatian and Bosnian Serbs, Abdic's paramilitary units and special units of the so-called Yugoslav Army of Serbia and Montenegro launched a heavy assault against the safe area of Bihac. According to local government sources in the region, more than 20,000 soldiers and over 100 tanks are participating in this all-out attack on Bihac. Thousands of civilians of Bihac are on the run, fleeing their homes in search for safety following this blatant Serbian violation of the Bihac "safe area".

Simultaneously, the safe area of Zepa, whose defenders are still holding their positions in the enclave in face of an overwhelming Serbian superiority in weaponry, continues to be under attack. Apart from artillery shelling, the aggressor is now using all other means, including poisonous gases.

It is evident that these attacks are executed parallely and specifically against these safe areas that are not mentioned in the London Meeting Statement of 21 July 1995, showing continuing Serbian defiance and contempt for all actions of the international community aimed at ending terrorism against civilians.

The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina urges you to take all measures necessary to ensure the safety of the safe areas of Bihac and Zepa, as well as other "safe areas" in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, consistent with commitments undertaken through the United Nations resolutions.

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If the international community, including the United Nations, fails to react to this blatant violation of the safe areas, the results of this lack of response, effectively, will be identical to a direct collaboration with the Pale Serbs in their terrorist campaign against civilians.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under item 28 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
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